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SUBJ: WORLD FOOD SECURITY MEETING

REF: A) STATE 087826; B) ROME 4838, C) ROME 5870; D) ROME 6422

1. FODAG HAS DISCUSSED QUESTIONS CONTAINED IN REF A WITH SEVERAL G-77 MEMBERS AND FAO SECRETARIAT. ALL SOURCES INDICATE THAT G-77 HAS NOT FOCUSED ON WORLD FOOD SECURITY MEETING, EITHER IN GENERAL, OR IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC ISSUES. IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THEY WILL DO SO UNTIL JUST BEFORE CWFS MEETING.

2. SEVERAL SOURCES INDICATED IT IS LIKELY THERE WILL BE JOINT G-77 STATEMENT CONCERNING ISSUES BEFORE COMMITTEE. HOW STRONG IT WOULD BE IS UNCLEAR. IT IS PROBABLE IF THERE IS A JOINT STATEMENT IT WOULD EXPRESS CONCERNS ABOUT SUSPENDED GENEVA GRAIN NEGOTIATIONS.

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3. NOT ALL G-77 REPS ARE WELL-INFORMED ON DETAILS OF IWA NEGOTIATIONS. HOWEVER, AS INDICATED IN REF D, FAO SECRETARIAT PREPARING PAPER ON GENEVA GRAIN NEGOTIATIONS FOR WORLD FOOD SECURITY MEETING, WHICH IS INTENDED TO QUOTE BRIEF UNQUOTE LDC'S ON NEGOTIATIONS.

4. CONCERNING FAO'S FOOD SECURITY ASSISTANCE SCHEME (FSAS), G-77 MEMBERS HAVE NOT FOCUSED ON ISSUES RAISED IN REFTEL A, AT ALL, AT THIS STAGE. HOWEVER, IN RECENT ROME GENEVA GROUP (GGR) MEETING, NETHERLANDS REP DE BAKKER MADE REQUEST THAT GGR SHOULD DISCUSS TRUST FUND ISSUES AND PLACED PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON COORDINATION WITH REGARD TO FSAS IN PREPARATION FOR APRIL INFORMAL DONORS MEETING. SEE REF B.

5. FODAG REQUESTS INSTRUCTIONS WITH REGARD TO DE BAKKER PROPOSAL. GARDNER

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